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- 1. AS AGREED WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY, THE IEA SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED THE FOLLOWING COVER NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF FII TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BOARD. THIS NOTE REFERS TO IEA/GB/FIN/M(75)2 WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED REFTEL (A).
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THE DOCUMENT IEA/GB/FIN/M(75)2 REPRESENTS
PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE
AD HOC GROUP ON FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT ISSUES AND
IS, I BELIEVE, LARGELY SELF-EXPLANATORY. HOWEVER,
THERE ARE THREE ADDITIONAL POINTS WHICH I WOULD
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HAVE COVERED ORALLY HAD THERE BEEN A CHANCE TO DO

SO AT THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD ON MARCH 20. THESE COMMENTS ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. THE AD HOC GROUP ON FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT ISSUES HAS BEEN ASKED ITS OPINION ON THE INCLUSION OF AN ITEM ON SHORT-TERM CAPITAL MOVEMENTS ON THE AGENDA OF THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE. THE AD HOC GROUP BELIEVES THAT THIS TOPIC SHOULD BE DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, IT IS FELT BY THE GROUP THAT THE VARIOUS ISSUES RELATED TO SHORT-TERM CAPITAL MOVEMENTS ARE SO INTIMATELY LINKED TO LARGER QUESTIONS OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION, RECYCLING AND INVESTMENT, THAT IT WOULD SEEM PREFERABLE TO HANDLE THE SHORT-TERM CAPITAL QUESTION IN THE CONTEXT OF AGENDA ITEMS RELATED TO THESE OTHER TOPICS, RATHER THAN AS A SEPARATE ITEM.
- 2. IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUES RELATED TO TRADE (WHICH APPEAR AS ITEM IV IN THE ATTACHED PAPER), THE AD HOC GROUP ON FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT ISSUES WISHED TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE POTENTIAL PROBLEM THAT PRODUCING COUNTRIES MAY REQUEST SPECIAL PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR THEIR PETROLEUM EXPORTS. INSOFAR AS THIS COULD BE TREATED AS A QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN A COMMODITY LIKE ANY OTHER, WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE LINE TO TAKE IS TO REFER ANY DISCUSSION OF THIS TYPE OF ISSUE TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS FORUM. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS ISSUE MAY ALSO ARISE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PROBLEMS OF OIL PRICES AND THE SECURITY OF SUPPLY AND THE IEA IN ITS PREPARATIONS ON THESE TOPICS SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBLE PRESSURE FOR PREFERENTIAL TRADE TREATMENT FOR PETROLEUM.
- 3. THE AD HOC GROUP ON FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT ISSUES RECOGMIZES THAT CONSIDERABLE ANALYTICAL AND SUBSTANTIVE WORK WILL HAVE TO BE DONE ON A NUMBER OF FINANCIAL, MONETARY AND INVESTMENT ISSUES PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE DIALOGUE. THE GROUP HOPES, INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE, TO UTILIZE MATERIAL THAT MAY BE DEVELOPED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OECD-WIDE FORUMS ON THE GENERAL QUESTIONS WITHIN ITS RESPONSIBILITY. THE COMPLETION OF THOROUGH PAPERS THAT HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED WITHIN THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WILL NECESSARILY TAKE SOME TIME TO PREPARE. THE GROUP HOPES THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD IN CONSIDERING THE CALENDAR FOR THE DIALOGUE WILL, INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE, TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE DESIRABILITY OF ALLOWING ADEQUATE TIME FOR THE PREPARATION OF POSITIONS ON FINANCIAL,

MONETARY AND INVESTMENT TOPICS
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